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As a below named inventor(s), I hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is for a UTILITY patent application.

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if two or more names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

SAFETY SHIELD FOR MEDICAL NEEDLES

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification	
is attached hereto.	
was filed on	and has U.S. Application Number
and was amended	on .

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

PRIORITY

The present application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of Prior U.S. Provisional Applications:

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